Mr. I. N. Menon.—In the Primary Department there are graduates employed and that is only within recent years. Some, it is true, have put in a service of 20 years or 15 years, but it is not because graduates were promoted and undergraduates were left behind that these people have not been given promotions, as the Hon'ble Member might know the primary section of the Education Department is divided into so many compartments, Primary 1, Parimary 2 and primary 3. Even in the English and Malayalam schools the same sub-division exists. Promotions from one to the other will be given when actual vacancies occur. With regard to the Lower Secondary Department certain number ot the promotions had been given to graduates which affect undergraduates adversely, but they are all acting promotions; they were not permenant and Government have subsequently altered this and allowed the people with long-standing service to go up in the higher grade.

Persons employed in the various departments.

376. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of persons at present employed in each of the departments of the State and of them how many belong to each caste or class as shown in their service books and what is the total amount of salary or pay drawn by each such class or caste ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The file containing the available information is placed on the Council table.

Suppliers of cement, iron, and girders.

377. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the names of suppliers from whom purchases of cement, iron and girders supplied departmentally by the Engineering Department of the State to the contractors under the department, were made ;

(2) the quantity, price and total amount of each of the above articles purchased and the rate and total amount of commission, if any, during the year 1105 ;

(3) whether tenders were invited for such purchases ; i so, the names of the tenderers, and their rates ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1)

Cement.

1. Messrs. Peirce Leslie and Co. (Gillingham Hand Brand).
2. Messrs. Harrison and Crossfield (Tunnel Brand).
3. Messrs. Francis Chandy and Sons (Gillingham Hand Brand).

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Cast Iron pipes, etc.

1. Messrs. Richardson and Cruddas.
2. ,, Massey and Co.
3. ,, Jessop and Co.
4. ,, Glenfield and Kennedy (Specials).
5. ,, Indian Govt. Surplus Stores.

Girders.

1. Messrs. Richardson and Cruddas.
2. ,, Massey and Co.
3. ,, Jessop and Co.

(2) (a) *Ramavarmapuram College works, Messrs. Peirce Leslie and Co.*

1. *Cement.*
1,200 barrels at Rs. 11—12—0 .. Rs. 14,100—0—0.
2. *Girders.*
945·44 cwts. at rates varying from Rs. 6—14—0 to Rs. 6—7—0 according to size .. Rs. 6,766—0—0

(b) *Mattancheri Water Works, 3rd stage.*
Messrs. Richardson and Cruddas, Madras.
C. I. Pipes.
5,922 cwts. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. at Rs. 6—5—0 per cwt. Rs. 37,388—0—9.

The other supplies of these articles were of petty nature and the purchases were made from the above firms as per their quotations.

These materials are purchased after calling for competitive quotations from different firms and they are paid for at the rates quoted. The question of discount and commission has not arisen.

(3) Quotations are always called for from different firms when a fairly large supply of these articles is purchased, and the cheapest quotations are *always* accepted. If, however, the requirements are small and work urgent, it is usual to order materials on the basis of previous quotations to save delay.

Muslims and appointments.

378. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞൊമായ്ൻ.—(a) അഞ്ചു കൊല്ലങ്ങൾക്കിപ്പുറം എത്ര മുസ്ലീം ബിരുദധാരികൾ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിനായി ഓരോ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിലും അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(b) അവരിൽ എത്രപേർക്ക് ഓരോ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിലും ഉദ്യോഗം നൽകീട്ടുണ്ട്;

(c) ഏഴ് കൊല്ലങ്ങൾക്കിപ്പുറം പ്രോത്സാഹനമില്ലായ്മയാൽ എത്ര മുസ്ലീം ബിരുദധാരികൾ ഉദ്യോഗം രാജിവെച്ച് ഇട്ടീഷ് സർവ്വീസിൽ ചേർന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്?

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